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**Subject:** Re: Draft Desk statement --- DOGGR to issue press release for tomorrow's injection well shut-in deadline

Roger that.

On Oct 14, 2015, at 4:47 PM, Montgomery, Michael <[Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

Please share this discretely w DOGGR and the WB once it is final.

Sent from my iPhone

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Kelly/Bill:

Attached and pasted below is our draft desk statement. We may have a minor change to the well count number. David is waiting for final confirmation from DOGGR but he won't get it til tomorrow morning. We will update the statement if needed. We are also working on some Qs and As.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

## **CA UIC Desk Statement**

### **October 15, 2015 Shut-in of Injection Wells**

**October 2015**

U.S. EPA is continuing its enhanced oversight of California's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources' (DOGGR) Class II Underground Injection Control program, including the state's identification of Class II injection wells that may be injecting into non-exempt aquifers, their ongoing assessment of drinking water sources that may be impacted by improper injection, the establishment of an effective process for reviewing and approving aquifer exemptions, and the state's review of all 3,000 approved injection projects. EPA's March 9, 2015 California Class II UIC Program Corrective Action Plan set out a schedule of activities and deliverables, with target milestones and compliance deadlines, to ensure that the state continues to make progress towards full compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

In accordance with requirements set forth in the March 2015 Corrective Action Plan, which the state has promulgated into its emergency UIC compliance regulations, any wells injecting into non-exempt, non-hydrocarbon-bearing aquifers with total dissolved solids levels below 3,000 mg/l TDS must shut-in by October 15, 2015, unless an aquifer exemption is approved by EPA. Since EPA has not received any aquifer exemption applications, all injection activity must cease for this category of wells. The State has confirmed that 34 wells are subject to the mandatory October 15<sup>th</sup> shut-in deadline, although only 22 of these are active. DOGGR inspectors will confirm that all affected wells have shut-in.

To access information about EPA's review of CA's UIC program, please visit:  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/mediacenter/uic-review/index.html>.

Thanks. Kate

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Kelly/Bill/Nahal –

David rec'd confirmation from DOGGR that they plan to issue a press release (late tomorrow or Friday morning) about tomorrow's shut-in deadline for wells injecting into non-exempt, non-hydrocarbon-bearing aquifers with TDS below 3,000 mg/l. We are finalizing a desk statement and some internal Qs and As. Will get them to you shortly.

Not sure if Teresa Schilling has given you a heads-up on this.

Kate

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